RESOLUTION 20-R-24 to approve Omnia Partners, Public Sector as a purchasing cooperative option under the City's Procurement Code.

WHEREAS, the City of Murfreesboro has adopted a procurement code, Ordinances 13-O-38 and 14-O-55, adopting the provisions of State law (T.C.A. §12-3-1205) allowing the City to enter into agreements with other governmental entities for the joint exercise of purchasing authority as a means of meeting competitive bidding requirements; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, National Intergovernmental Purchasing Alliance (National IPA) created Omnia Partners to provide purchasing expertise to both the public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Omnia Partners purchased U.S. Government Purchasing Alliance (U.S. Communities), a national purchasing cooperative serving state and local governments, schools, colleges and universities, and non-profit entities; and

WHEREAS, in 2019, Omnia Partners merged National IPA and U.S. Communities into a single subsidiary named Omnia Partners, Public Sector thereby creating the country's largest cooperative purchasing organization for public sector procurement; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 11-R-28, City Council authorized the City to make procurements through both National IPA and U.S. Communities; and

WHEREAS, the City wishes to have the ability to procure goods and services through Omnia Partners, Public Sector's cooperative purchasing program and under the terms and conditions set forth in any Omnia Partners, Public Sector's cooperative purchasing master agreements.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MURFREESBORO, TENNESSEE, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the powers granted by T.C.A. §12-3-1205, the City of Murfreesboro is hereby authorized to procure goods and services pursuant to and in accordance with the terms and conditions of cooperative purchasing master agreements made available to public agencies through Omnia Partners, Public Sector's cooperative purchasing program. City Council further authorizes the Mayor, City Manager, and Purchasing Director to execute any documentation that may, from time to time, be necessary to facilitate the City's participation in Omnia Partners, Public Sector's cooperative purchasing program.

SECTION 2. This Resolution shall be effective immediately upon its passage and adoption, the public welfare and the welfare of the City requiring it.

Passed: November 5, 2020

Shane McFarland, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Adam F. Tucker

Melissa B. Wright City Recorder - AMM P: Tucker City Attorney